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For: Mixtures of Drug-Oligomer Conjugates Comprising Polyalkylene Glycol, Uses Thereof,

and Methods of Making Same

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449, along with a copy of each listed document. It is requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

Also attached is a Declaration of James Gordon Still under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 in which Dr. Still provides information about the slides that are included on the attached PTO Form 1449 as items 93 and 98. Although applicants provide these slides to the examiner in the interest of full disclosure in accordance with applicant's duty, it is applicants' belief that these slides are not "printed publications" as set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and are thus not prior art to the claimed invention. Applicants base this belief on a comparison of the facts in this case as set forth in Dr. Still's Declaration with the facts set forth in *Regents of the University of California v. Howmedica, Inc.* [210 U.S.P.Q. 727 (D.N.J. 1981); *aff'd*, 676 F.2d 687 (3rd Cir. 1982); copy enclosed], in which the court determined that slides shown during an oral presentation did not constitute a "printed publication" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Because the facts reviewed by the court parallel the facts of the present application, applicants believe these slides are not prior art against the invention as claimed in the present application.

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